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WO 01/33613, JP 11-323394, JP 10-055993, JP 2001-517863 and JP 07-302744 were cited in an Office Action dated August 11, 2008 for corresponding Japanese Application No. 2004-530588 (copy attached).

Applicants submit an English language Abstract for JP 10-055993. Additionally, Applicant states that U.S. Patent No. 5,972,862 corresponds to JP 10-055993 and U.S. Patent No. 6033993 corresponds to JP 2001-517863.

Applicant notes that WO 01/33613 and JP 07-302744 listed on the Japanese Office Action were previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement filed February 22, 2005, and are therefore not being resubmitted herewith.

Additionally, Applicant notes that JP 11-323394 listed on the Japanese Office Action corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,265,309 which was previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement filed February 22, 2005, and is therefore not being submitted herewith.

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